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LETTER WRITERCOMMENT(s)

The table that references Total Runs; Full-time Paramedics; 2015 Budgets; Cost per Call; Cost per Paramedic are presented as factual by the letter writer.



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FACT:

The total run figure that is being used is from 2013. The staffing numbers were from 2014. The budget numbers are from 2015. The DCES 2015 budget **INCLUDES** the six newly hired paramedics. The numbers used in the letter writers table are grossly under reported for Waushara County. The actual number of calls was 2118, a discrepancy of 626 calls. The Green Bay fire number as reported by the letter writer for number of paramedics is also grossly under reported. GBFD has 110 paramedics, per Asst. Chief Nieft. The table below represents actual accurate data.



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SERVICE	TOTAL RUNS (2013)	FULL-TIME MEDICS	2015 BUDGET	\$ / RUN	\$ /PARAMEDIC
DCEMS	2364	12	\$4,009,322	\$1,696	\$334,111.00
GBFD	8276	30	\$4,349,318.00	\$526	\$144,978.00
WAUSHARA	1492	12	\$2,675,874.00	\$1,793	\$222,990.00

SERVICE	TOTAL RUNS 2013	FULL-TIME MEDICS	2015 BUDGET	\$ PER CALL	\$ PER PARAMEDIC
DCES	2364	18	\$4,009,322.00	\$1,671.00	\$222,741.00
GBFD	8526	110	\$16,238,760.00	\$1,904.62	\$147,625.10
WAUSHARA	2737	12	\$2,675,874.00	\$997.66	\$222,990.00

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FACT CON'T.

**COST FOR EMS COVERAGE PER \$1,000 OF
PROPERTY VALUE**

**DOOR COUNTY - \$4,009,322.00 - \$6,964,805,000.00 = \$0.575 PER
\$1,000**

**WAUSHARA COUNTY - \$2,675,874.00 - \$2,388,103,000.00 = \$1.12
PER \$1000**



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LETTER WRITER COMMENT(s)

LETTER WRITER COMMENT(s): Waushara County has 2 units that cover Wautoma and Door County has 2 units that cover Sturgeon Bay.

FACT: The population of Wautoma is approximately 2,000. The population of Sturgeon Bay is just under 10,000. Door County has the same number of units and covers 8,000 more people.



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LETTER WRITER COMMENT(s): Another way to compare value is the EMS budget as a percentage of the total budget:

FACT: When the correct numbers are applied to the Green Bay comparison the numbers are:

<u>Service</u>	<u>Total Budget</u>	<u>EMS% of Total</u>
DCES	70,162,702	5.7%
Green Bay	105,691,620	15%
Waushara	38,105,000	7.0%



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LETTER WRITER COMMENT(s): “I wondered if DCEMS couldn’t attain more calls per day because perhaps the average total call time was a lot more than other services”.

FACT: Too much to put on slide. See fact sheet.



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LETTER WRITER COMMENT(s): “I saw in an article in the Door County Advocate (1-14-15) that call volume in 2014 is 30% higher than in 2011. Here’s the data:”

FACT: The letter writer acknowledges that the increase was 29.2%, so the 30% was a gross exaggeration, which I apologize for.



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LETTER WRITER COMMENT(s): It was also reported (Door County Advocate 1-14-15) that “from the first of the year we’ve averaged 8.5 calls per day”. The writer goes on to say that the increase in 2015 vs. 2014 for the month of January is ZERO.

FACT: That information was given at the Ad-hoc meeting on 1/13/2015, at which time we had 111 calls. The 8.5% was wrong, it actually was 8.53.

The number of calls in January, 2015 was 223. The number of calls in January, 2014 was 204. There were in fact 19 more calls in 2015 vs. 2014, which is actually a 9% increase.



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LETTER WRITER COMMENT(s): “Mr. Williams has state in the past words to the effect that call volume rises in the summer while the article quotes him as saying “the higher call volume is year round” “What way does he want it?”

FACT: The very simple answer is both of the statements I made are in fact true. If we consider the summer months as May – October and the winter months as November – April, the numbers once again are very clear.



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2014

May – October; 1,626 calls. November – April; 1,080 calls; 34% increase in summer.

2013 – 2,578 calls. 2014 – 2,706 calls; 5% increase.

2013

May – October; 1,531 calls. November – April; 1047 calls; 32% increase in summer.

2012 – 2398 calls; 2013 – 2578 calls; 7% increase.

2012

May – October; 1,462 calls; November – April; 936 calls; 36% increase in summer.

2011 – 2,101; 2012 – 2398 calls; 13% increase.



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LETTER WRITER COMMENT(s): Mr. Williams refers to a National response time standard. “I want to emphasize that there is NO national standard for response time.

FACT: I never said that there was. However, there are industry standards that have been discussed and written about for years.



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LETTER WRITER COMMENT(s): With regard to the "geography of the county", Mr. Williams has stated (*Door County Advocate* 1-14-15) that it "Requires us to do things we wouldn't do otherwise". Such As? I have no idea what that statement is supposed to mean. The letter writer further states that. "The geography of Door County has very little to do with anything".



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FACT: To not understand that we are surrounded by water on three (3) sides and the one side where we do have land, the closest Paramedic unit is 40 minutes from the County line and one and a half hours (1 ½) from Sister Bay should tell the average person that we have to do things differently. If the letter writer wants to use Waushara County as the comparable, there really is no comparable on this topic.



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Waushara County has at least seven (7) ALS services that completely surround the County. Of those Services, at least (20) ambulances are available. Further, when the resources in Waushara County are getting used up there is an automatic agreement that moves an ambulance from the above agencies to all four sides of County boundaries to the respective County line.

Door County has 8 ambulances for the entire county, including Washington Island, with no hope of mutual aid at an advanced level for at least an hour.



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LETTER WRITER COMMENT(s): “Mr. Williams apparently wants an ambulance on every corner”
“The proposals bandied about, especially with what I consider a contrived urgency, are an expensive modification to what we have now, only to satisfy what apparently is a desire to create an empire”.



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FACT: I hesitate to address such ludicrous comments; My 40 + years of EMS experience has taught me that you can't be everywhere all the time. However, that experience has also told me that you need to do everything possible to provide high quality and prompt service to the community.

Regarding the “desire to create an empire” comment; I was perfectly satisfied to be retired sitting in my Lazy Boy. When I was approached to take this job, I said I would accept the challenge on one condition, that if you don't want to fix the service and system, then I am not interested. I was told that this is exactly what they wanted.

